

Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department Mission Statement

The Juvenile Services Department (JSD) provides a continuum of comprehensive services to arrested and at-risk juveniles, and their families. These services are designed to address the root causes of juvenile crime and prevent further delinquent behavior. As part of the public safety strategic area, the Department processes all arrested juveniles in Miami-Dade County in a 24 hour, 7 day a week safe and secure facility. The Department also supports the County's portion of the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL), which advocates for the rights and interests of children involved in dependency court proceedings.



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Prevention Initiative Overview

The Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative (PI) provides services to at-risk youth and their families. The program utilizes assessment, referrals, and case management services.

Prevention Initiative's Goal

The goal is to intervene early in the lives of youth, in order to identify at-risk behaviors and prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system.



The Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative is for any youth 17 years of age and under, who is experiencing behavioral and familial difficulties and those who may be at-risk of being arrested. Areas addressed include:

- ◆ Substance Abuse
- ◆ Low Academics
- ◆ School Attendance
- ◆ Disciplinary problems
- ◆ Runaway
- ◆ Mental Health Issues

Prevention services will include referrals to a formal network of private and public community based organizations that will address issues such as:

- ◆ Anger management
- ◆ Disruptive behavior
- ◆ Family issues
- ◆ Drug experimentation
- ◆ Negative peer association



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